

House File 71

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the school budget review committee to provide
2 transportation assistance to certain school districts and
3 providing an appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 1424YH 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 257.31, Code 2009, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. a. A school district that regularly
1 4 pays more than two dollars and fifty cents per gallon of fuel
1 5 for school buses used to transport students during a school
1 6 year in accordance with section 285.1, subsection 1,
1 7 paragraphs "a" and "b", may submit a request for
1 8 transportation assistance. Transportation assistance shall be
1 9 paid from funds appropriated to the committee pursuant to
1 10 paragraph "b". The request shall be submitted in a format
1 11 specified by the committee and shall include any documentation
1 12 required by the committee.
1 13 b. There is annually appropriated from the general fund of
1 14 the state to the committee the amount of one million dollars,
1 15 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used to pay
1 16 transportation assistance to school districts as provided in
1 17 paragraph "a". If the amount appropriated pursuant to this
1 18 paragraph is insufficient to pay all requests submitted and
1 19 approved by the commission in accordance with paragraph "a",
1 20 the commission shall prorate the payments to the school
1 21 districts.
1 22 c. Transportation assistance paid pursuant to this
1 23 subsection shall be miscellaneous income and shall not be
1 24 included in district cost.

EXPLANATION

1 25
1 26 This bill permits a school district that regularly pays
1 27 more than \$2.50 per gallon of fuel for school buses during a
1 28 school year to submit a request to the school budget review
1 29 committee for transportation assistance. The bill provides
1 30 for an appropriation of \$1 million from the state general fund
1 31 to the committee to pay transportation assistance to school
1 32 districts whose requests are approved. If the amount
1 33 appropriated is insufficient to pay all approved requests, the
1 34 committee shall prorate the payments to school districts whose
1 35 requests are approved.
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